

Kendal Dec. 23-94

Respected Friend,

It not having fallen in my way to return by Keswick I take this opportunity to acquaint thee with the result of my observations. They have not been so numerous upon the Hills as I intended, but I have taken the level in the country through which I passed frequently, which may have its use. The difference between the height of Kendal & Keswick comes out just as before, but I intend to try the absolute height of Kendal above the sea again:—

Winandermere Lake, & particularly the Raise Gap & Leather Lake differ materially from what I made them before: the differences I cannot reconcile, unless perhaps when I get to Manchester to see my old observations.

I was up at Buttermere & had 3 companions, but we did not proceed to Borrowdale; we were upon the Red Pike & viewing Scale Force, but I had not then my Barometer. Upon the Red Pike we see at one station 5 of the Lakes, viz. Ennerdale, Lowerwater, Crummock, Buttermere & Derwent.

Grasmere is a very rough Hill to climb, the worst I was ever upon;—the ascent to the Red Pike by way of Scale Force is tolerable; but our descent by Sour milk Beck was most hideous.

I am &c.

John Dalton

Account of the Heights of Places above the Sea  
 determined by the Barometer in July & August 1794.

( N.B. They are all compared with & referred to the  
 Height of Kendal which place is taken from a former  
 observation to be 46 yards above the Sea. )

Names of the Places.

Height above the Sea  
 in yards.

Winandermere Lake	36
Crook (in Westmor.)	120
Esthwaite Lake	66
Longdale Chapel stile	76
Dunmail Raise gap	276
Leathes Lake	206
Whinlatter (Top of the Road)	346
Eaglesfield	151
Carlisle	15
Totterly	35
Dalston	45
Goldbeck Town	183
Harrel Fell (Turnpike Gate)	338
Greenrigge	320
Crummock Water	91
Grasmere hill	953
Bridgehouse, near Hesketh new market	193
Smithy, foot of Carrock	238
Carrock, West Pike	744
East pike	713
Knopdale	266
Bowescale Tarn	540

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Names of Places

Height above the sea  
in yards.

Penrith	134
Emont Bridge	126
Penrith Beacon	340
Garswath	156
Terril	196
Windes (a small Village in Westm.)	366
Haws Water	238
Top of Goatscar (the Road)	663
Keswick	81



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Keswick